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DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Mr. Dave Geraci  
CSX Transportation  
500 Water Street-J200  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

March 19, 2007

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2007-748  
Received by DHR: February 2, 2007  
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X)  
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of Railroad Known as the West End of the  
Parrish Spur, Approximately Between Railroad Milepost 871.0 to 871.66 in Palmetto  
Palmetto, Manatee County

Dear Mr. Geraci:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended and *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties* and the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended. The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise Federal agencies as they identify historic properties (listed or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*), assess effects upon them, and consider alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

Since the rail spur was first constructed around 1901, it is the opinion of this agency that this historic resource should be documented for inclusion in the Florida Master Site File. Documentation should include a Florida Master Site File Resource Group Form, any available historic photographs, a current & archival quality black and white photograph of the rail spur, and USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle location map with boundaries clearly marked, a large scale street, plat, or parcel map with resources mapped and labeled, and black and white archival quality photographs or digital images, including aerial photographs (if available). Florida Master Site File Resource Group Forms and the required specifications for digital images are available on our website at <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/sitefile/>.

Nevertheless, based on the information provided, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic properties.

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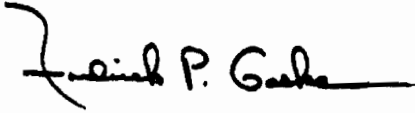
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If you have any questions concerning our comments, **please contact James Toner, Historic Sites Specialist, by electronic mail [jtoner@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:jtoner@dos.state.fl.us), or at 850-245-6333.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick P. Gaske", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frederick P. Gaske, Director, and  
State Historic Preservation Officer